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### **Michigan's June Unemployment Rate Unchanged**

*Lansing* – Michigan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in June was unchanged over the month at 5.5 percent, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget (DTMB). The state's labor force recorded a minor reduction in June as total employment declined by 7,000 and the number of unemployed edged down slightly by 3,000.

The Michigan jobless rate in June 2015 was one and six-tenths percentage points below the state's June 2014 rate of 7.1 percent. The national jobless rate decreased by eight-tenths of a percentage point over this period. The state's June unemployment rate was marginally above the national rate of 5.3 percent. The U.S. jobless rate decreased by two-tenths of a percentage point in June.

"Michigan's labor market indicators were mostly stable from May to June," said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. "Overall, the state's labor market continues to show improvement halfway through 2015 relative to 2014."

#### ***Monthly Labor Force Trends & Highlights***

- Michigan's average jobless rate halfway through 2015 stood at 5.7 percent, which was over one and a half percentage points below the state's 2014 annual rate of 7.3 percent.
- The minor decline in the state's total employment count in June broke a string of monthly gains recorded since May 2012. However, total employment rose by 38,000 or 0.9 percent from December 2014 through June 2015.
- The state's workforce in June declined by 10,000 over the month to essentially match the total recorded in April. The state's workforce has been relatively flat over the past year.
- Michigan's second quarter 2015 unemployment rate was 5.5 percent, down slightly by four-tenths of a percentage point from the 5.9 percent rate posted in the first quarter 2015

- In 2015, Michigan has displayed a run of six consecutive months in which the number of unemployed in the state remained below 300,000. This has not occurred since 2001.
- Since June 2014, total employment in Michigan increased by 71,000 or 1.6 percent, similar to the 1.7 percent gain nationally over the same period.

**MICHIGAN**  
**Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted  
(Data in Thousands)

	June 2014	May 2015	June 2015	Change	
				Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,747	4,750	4,740	-10	-7
Employment	4,409	4,487	4,480	-7	71
Unemployment	338	264	261	-3	-77
Rate (Percent)	7.1	5.5	5.5	xxx	xxx

***Detroit Metropolitan Area's June Jobless Rate Declines***

The Detroit-Warren-Dearborn Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA's) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in June decreased by two-tenths of a percentage point to 6.1 percent. In June, the area's total employment level increased by 4,000 while the number of unemployed declined by 3,000. The region's labor force was essentially unchanged in June. The Detroit metro area's labor force has mostly trended downward since the latter part of 2013. The June jobless rate was the lowest for the area since September 2002, however labor force and total employment levels are currently around 200,000 below 2002 levels in the Detroit MSA.

From June 2014 to June 2015, the Detroit metropolitan area's jobless rate fell by two and four-tenths percentage points. Over that period, total employment rose by 23,000 or 1.2 percent in the region while the number of unemployed dropped by 50,000 or 29.1 percent. Since June 2014, the metro area recorded a workforce reduction of 26,000 or 1.3 percent.

**Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA**  
**Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted  
(Data in Thousands)

	June 2014	May 2015	June 2015	Change	
				Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	2,019	1,992	1,993	1	-26
Employment	1,848	1,867	1,871	4	23
Unemployment	172	125	122	-3	-50
Rate (Percent)	8.5	6.3	6.1	xxx	xxx

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### ***June Payroll Jobs Edge Up***

According to the monthly survey of employers, seasonally adjusted Michigan payroll jobs edged upward in June by 3,000 to 4,279,000. In June, job gains in education and health services (+6,000), professional and business services (+5,000), and construction (+2,000) were largely offset by job declines in government (-6,000), and leisure and hospitality services (-3,000). The state's remaining major industry sectors were little changed over the month.

### ***Industry Employment Trends and Highlights***

- Although minor, June's increase in payroll jobs was the ninth consecutive monthly gain for the state dating back to October 2014. In 2015, job gains have averaged 10,000 per month.
- Jobs in professional and business services rose in June to 645,000, matching the previous high recorded in July 2000. Job growth was strong over the month and year in professional, scientific, and technical services.
- Construction jobs continued to record steady gains, with job additions in 13 of the last 15 months. Jobs in this sector are nearing levels recorded in early 2008.
- From June 2014 to June 2015, payroll jobs in Michigan increased by 91,000 or 2.2 percent, which slightly outpaced the national over-the-year percentage gain in payroll jobs of 2.1 percent.
- Since June 2014, seven of Michigan's 11 major job sectors reported substantial growth. Of the seven sectors, four displayed gains over 3.0 percent including construction (+9.8%), professional and business services (+3.9%), manufacturing (+3.2%), and education and health services (+3.1%).
- Seasonally adjusted average weekly hours and earnings of production workers in manufacturing increased over the month as well as over the year.

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**MICHIGAN**  
**Payroll Employment Estimates**

*Seasonally Adjusted*

(Data in Thousands)

	<u>June</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>May*</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>June**</u> <u>2015</u>	CHANGE***	
				<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	4,188	4,276	4,279	3	91
Natural Resources & Mining	8	8	8	0	0
Construction	142	155	156	2	14
Manufacturing	578	598	597	-1	18
Transportation Equipment	179	188	192	3	13
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	758	765	767	1	8
Retail Trade	461	465	464	-1	3
Information	57	56	56	0	-2
Financial Activities	205	209	210	1	5
Professional & Business Services	621	640	645	5	24
Education & Health Services	644	658	663	6	20
Leisure & Hospitality Services	407	420	416	-3	9
Other Services	172	172	171	-1	-1
Government	596	596	590	-6	-6

\* Final data for May

\*\* Preliminary data for June

\*\*\* Change calculated using unrounded data

**Hours & Earnings for Production Workers**

*Seasonally Adjusted*

**Manufacturing**

	<u>June</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2015</u>	CHANGE	
				<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Average Weekly Earnings	\$911.49	\$928.10	\$937.69	\$9.59	\$26.20
Average Weekly Hours	44.3	45.0	45.1	0.1	0.8

**Transportation Equipment**

Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,229.28	\$1,264.74	\$1,261.14	-\$3.60	\$31.86
Average Weekly Hours	49.0	50.3	50.3	0.0	1.3

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